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In re application of
Mello et al.

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Examiner: Robinson, P.
Group Art Unit: 1653

For: "Methods for the Purification and Aqueous Fiber Spinning of Spider Silks and other Structural Proteins"

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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants in the above-identified U.S. patent application respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months.

The time for responding to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001 was a three (3) month period expiring on December 7, 2001. The three (3) month extension of time extends the time set for response to March 7, 2002.

Please charge the fee set by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Patent Office Deposit Account No.19-2201 in the amount of \$ 920.00 for granting this Petition.

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

~~Please cancel claim 18.~~

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, and 16 as follows. Each amended claim is submitted herein in the form of a rewritten claim, that is, in clean form in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

Enclosed on pages separate from the amendment is a marked up version of each amended claim in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).